

PULPIT BACKS SPIRITUALISM.

PASTOR BARTHOLOW THINKS THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT.

But Doesn't Like the Pepper Brand—He Also Endorses Phenology and Mind Reading—Cites Incidents, and Women of His Flock Twitter Here by 'Phone'

The Rev. Dr. Otto F. Bartholow, pastor of the James Methodist Church, Brooklyn, has announced publicly a mild belief in spiritualism. He is down on Mrs. May Pepper and other platform demonstrators, but he is of the opinion that the subject is worth reverent study, and has so advised his flock. He is also for clairvoyance, mesmerism and phenology.

It was in a talk on "New Continents" before the Men's League of his church on Tuesday evening that Mr. Bartholow came out for spiritualism. He told how Columbus had persisted in his belief that the world was round and that there was land to the west; how he fought the savants of his day for fifteen years before he had a chance to prove that he was right. Just so, there may be continents of the mind at whose very existence the wise men scoff.

"Bishop Warren," said Dr. Bartholow, "once dreamed that there is a Garden of Eden at the north pole. He wrote a book on the subject—people called it a dream and a poem. There were dreams and poems before the day of Columbus, and Perry and Fiala, wiser than other men, may find a new continent."

"I'm coming to the opinion that we've nearly worked out the field of physical science. Psychology in all its branches is going to be the science of the future. Take, for example, phenology. It is not hush. It is a continent which is going to be explored. The great Dr. Wallace called it the science of the hour. Away called in the last century Gall discovered the principle that the type of mind manifests itself in the conformation of the head. It was taken up by ignorant followers. Then came science to prove that many of its bumps were only seams and sutures of the skull—and science called it hush. It is not hush. When it is developed to the point where it should be developed, employers will know their employees by just the shape of the skull. Why, a college professor of mine once read my character by my head in the most marvellously accurate fashion."

"Then there is clairvoyance. They laughed at it once. Does any true scientist laugh at it now? I remember an experience of my grandmother. During the civil war her brother, while at Fort Gaines, climbed into a tree to sleep. During the night he fell out of the tree and broke his ribs. His companion cried: 'My God, they have shot Jimmie!'

"My grandmother in Illinois woke her husband, saying: 'Benjamin, I see Jimmie. He is at the foot of a tree and he has fallen, and a man by him has just said: 'My God, they have shot Jimmie!'

Mr. Bartholow went on to set the seal of his approval on mind reading. He quoted specific instances in proof. Further, he mentioned mesmerism as an unexplored continent, and told how, by a pass of the hand and a glare of the eye, a hypnotist at a public meeting had charmed a theological seminarian of his into believing that he was Alexander the Great, and a great deal of the so-called mediums when it was in college. Ninety-five per cent. of their work I believe to be jugglery. Personally I believe that all the mediums who give public exhibitions and advertise in the papers are fakers, but how about the other five per cent? I have heard things from mediums, messages from the dead, which I can explain away on no natural or scientific grounds. They weren't from my own dead, either, so that my judgment wasn't paralyzed by emotion. Some of their rappings, also, I cannot explain.

"If spiritualism is not true, then the Scriptures lie. In the Old Testament we read that the wicked Endor called up the spirit of Samuel, and it spoke. The evangelists have tried to explain away that passage, but there it stands. In the New Testament the Apostles cast out demons gifted with prophecy.

"I would rather be inclined to say that these modern spirits are demons; for I have noticed among the devotees of spiritualism a tendency to loosen moral bonds and to drift toward free love.

"Don't be afraid to investigate this thing. It doesn't lead away from Christianity. There is nothing in it inconsistent with our Christian profession. Indeed, if immortality should ever be demonstrated scientifically, it would only prove to the world what the soul has always known. Faith usually goes ahead of reason. Columbus had faith in the new continent before the eyes of his flesh ever saw it. Dr. Bartholow's views got circulated among his congregation during the day, and they got into the Brooklyn afternoon papers. All the afternoon and evening he was getting telephone calls from the women members of his congregation. This was the usual formula on the feminine end of the line:

"Is this Dr. Bartholow?"

"Well, Dr. Bartholow, did you really say that you believed in spirits?"

"Well, I don't know if it's quite Scriptural, but do you know, my aunt once had the most singular experience. One night—

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HER MILLIONAIRE BOY

Turned Out to Be a Valet and the Looker He Gave Her Was Another's.

Among the cases tried before Justice Truax in the Supreme Court yesterday was the suit of Hazel M. Chalmers for an annulment of her marriage to Edwin T. Chalmers at the Little Church Around the Corner, on April 18, last.

According to her story, Mrs. Chalmers, when known as Hazel May Hall, with vaudeville aspirations, first met her future husband when he professed to be Edward Chalmers, son of a multi-millionaire, with a suite in the Holland House. They met but a few times when he presented her with a jewel studded locket, and then she consented to become his wife.

The marriage had to be kept secret because if father, the millionaire, heard of it, he might be tempted to cut off Edward's allowance. The day following he confided to Hazel, with great trepidation, that he was afraid he had found her marriage certificate among the clothes he had left lying around loose in the Holland suite.

Just three days after the marriage she got a telegram from Edward reading "All is discovered—I am disinherited." She took the first car up to the Holland House and there found to her dismay that Edward was not Edward, but Edwin, a valet. To add to her discomfiture, as she alleges, they told her that he had just been carted away to jail for stealing the locket that he had given her. She returned the locket to his employer, Mr. Coles, and made her way down to the nearest lawyer's office. She will probably get an annulment.

HARGIS MURDER PLOT.

Witness Said the Kentucky Judge Conspired to Kill Four Men.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 22.—A surprise was sprung in the Circuit Court here to-day in the Hargis-Callahan bail hearing by the introduction of witnesses who swore they were in plots to assassinate not only Jim Cockrill and Marcum, but McKinley Cockrill, Dr. Cox and Attorney J. O. Vaughan.

Anderson White, a brother of Tom White, now in jail at Covington and under sentence for the murder of J. B. Marcum at Jackson, said that during the June term of court in 1907 Judge Hargis came to him and told him that he and Hiram Hays and Curtis Hays had plotted to kill Jim Cockrill, McKinley Cockrill, Dr. Cox and Attorney Vaughan.

He said that Hargis took him to his store and gave him a .45 calibre revolver and told him to hunt up Jett and Hays and they would tell him what to do. White met the men, but nothing came of the plot. He went home, and Hargis sent Asbury Spioer after him to come to Jackson and assist in the killing, which was to be done the following week. He said he refused to go. The killing was done a few days later.

The Hargises have sent a messenger after John Smith and John Abner, who are hiding in Leslie county. They have been indicted for the Cockrill murder in Breathitt county, but have never been arrested.

EX-COP FOUND GUILTY.

Jeremiah Healey Convicted of Highway Robbery in Staten Island.

Jeremiah Healey, the ex-policeman, was convicted of highway robbery before Supreme Court Justice Burr and a jury at Richmond, Staten Island, yesterday. He will be arraigned for sentence on Wednesday.

Healey and Thomas Walsh, of Water street, Manhattan, were indicted jointly for the robbery of William Mackenzie, of Tompkinsville, from whom they took a watch and \$25. Walsh, when arrested, made a confession implicating Healey, who turned State's evidence when the two were put on trial yesterday.

Healey was twice dismissed from the police force. He was caught off post at the Great Neck station, and was arrested and dismissed. He was reinstated by the courts, but he was again dismissed about six months ago in Staten Island for a similar offense. He was trying to get reinstated a second time when he was arrested in connection with the hold-up and robbery.

WANTS DEFEW IN COURT.

Subpoena for the Senator Denied to Counsel for Alleged Pass Forgers.

Senator Depew and Horace C. Du Val will be called as witnesses when Albert Newman, Max Zwieback, Seymour Singer and Theodore Hauptmann are tried in connection with the alleged forging of New York Central railway passes. The four men, who were arrested last week, were up for examination in the Tombs court yesterday afternoon, and Magistrate Whitman held them for trial in \$1,500 each.

Moses Sachs, who represented the prisoners, wanted Senator Depew in court yesterday, but the Magistrate would not give him a subpoena. He said Mr. Depew, "in order to prove their case, but if the people do not call him, I will."

FLATIRON TO BE MADE TALLER.

Another Story to Be Added to It, at a Cost of \$10,000.

Plans have been filed with the Building Bureau for the addition of another story to the Flatiron building, on the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street. It is to cover the area of the present roof and will be ten feet high, built of angle iron and terra cotta blocks, and covered on the exterior with copper.

All the interior fittings will be of fireproof construction. The additional story is to be occupied by draughting rooms. The cost of completing it is estimated at \$10,000 by Jay H. Morgan, architect and owner, of the Flatiron Building Company.

The building will be twenty-two stories high when the new story is completed. It is now twenty stories, with an attic.

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LAWYER ERD OF ST. LOUIS WILL BE BLIND IF HE LIVES.

An Accident, Says Hotel Imperial Guest, but Police Call It Attempted Suicide—Marvellous Vitality of Man With a Bullet Clear Through His Brain.

Charles Erd, a lawyer of St. Louis and believed to be a director of the St. Louis exposition, who has been stopping at the Hotel Imperial, this city, since last Saturday, was shot through the head early yesterday morning in his room. He was taken to the New York Hospital, where it was said last night that he had an even chance for recovery, although he will be blind if he gets well. The police put it down as a case of attempted suicide and made Erd a prisoner. He declares that the shooting was entirely accidental, but he doesn't attempt to tell how he got it except that the revolver was under his pillow and in some way exploded.

Night Clerk Forbes of the Imperial was doing behind his desk at 6 o'clock in the morning when one of the telephones of the hotel's private exchange tinkled. Forbes answered the call, which came from the room on the third floor occupied by Erd.

"I'm shot," said Erd. "Send for a doctor and hurry him up to my room. I can't see anything."

Forbes sent the night watchman for Dr. Taylor, who rooms in the hotel. When the doctor appeared he and Forbes went to Erd's room. Erd, who is a six-footer, was doubled up on his bed groaning. His night clothes were bloodstained. There was a blood formed imprint of his hand on the white wall where he had steadied himself while using the telephone. The handle of a .38 calibre revolver showed beneath one end of the pillow.

"I'm shot in the head," said Erd as the physician bent over him. "It was all an accident—an accident."

Dr. Taylor found that the bullet had entered Erd's head just back of the right ear. It had passed completely through and showed slightly on the opposite side of the head. The optic nerve had been severed completely, blinding Erd. After washing the wound Dr. Taylor sent for Policeman Thomas Malloy of the Tenderloin station, who was on post near by. Malloy sent for an ambulance. When it came Erd dressed and walked to the elevator. All the way to the hospital he sat erect in the seat. Notwithstanding the seriousness of his injury he remained conscious all day.

At the hospital Erd said that he lived at 4000 McPherson avenue, St. Louis. He said that his brother, William E. Erd, lives in Waterloo, Ill. During the day he requested that a telegram, telling of his conquest, be sent to Black Sullivan & Erd, attorneys-at-law, Carrollton Building, St. Louis.

Little is known of Erd at the hotel. It was his first visit there. Since he arrived on Sunday he has been seen around the hotel, but not very frequently in the bar-room. He had shown no indications of being a drinking man. He was well supplied with money. The hotel management notified William E. Erd and got word in reply that he would reach here by tonight. Erd had expected to start for home this morning.

FUNERAL OVER WRONG BODY.

Mistake at Kings County Hospital Makes Trouble.

"We are nothing if not systematic," was the remark of one of the Charities Commissioners in charge of the Borough of Brooklyn yesterday.

The "perfect" system of the Kings County Hospital and Almshouse section of the Charities Department received a shock yesterday when it was learned that the body of a woman had been sent to the friends of a second inmate and that the error was not discovered until the funeral services had been carried out and the grave dug in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Amy Bagby, a negro, 54 years old, of Park place and West Fifth street, Coney Island, was sent to the Kings County Hospital on Feb. 28. She was formerly the cook in the home of Mrs. Henry Nickelson of West Third street, whose name she gave as her only friend. After a few days the aged woman became convalescent and was transferred from the hospital to the almshouse. At the same time Mrs. Agnes Moore, of about the same age, was transferred from the almshouse to the hospital. When the transfers were made the cards attached to each were misplaced.

Twenty-four hours later Mrs. Moore died and word was sent to Mrs. Nickelson at Coney Island that her former cook was dead. Arrangements were made to have the funeral from the local Baptist Church. All the negroes on the island turned out at the service. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Time, preaching on the "work that is done—well done."

Mrs. Nickelson was the first to step to the side of the casket to view the remains. She exclaimed in a loud voice at the sight of a strange face and was sure that the colored woman lying before her was not the cook whom she had known for so many years. Others who had known the colored cook for many years were summoned, and it was soon whispered through the congregation that the wrong body was in the casket.

The undertaker was ordered to take the body back to his establishment, the Kings County Hospital authorities were telephoned and the mistake in the identity of the two women discovered. The undertaker is now seeking some one to pay him for his services. The dead woman was buried by her sons yesterday from her late home.

Mayor Stops All Street Cars in Sheboygan.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., March 22.—Mayor Barn yesterday stopped every street car in the city, and the entire system is tied up. The Aldermen wanted to know why the city order to have all cars equipped with fenders was not complied with, and instructed the Mayor to see that the street car company complied with the law. He was ordered to have arrested any one who attempted to run cars not equipped with a fender.



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